

**Town of Weare
Deliberative Session 2006
February 4, 2006**

The meeting opened at 10:10 AM by the Moderator, Neal Kurk. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Fire Chief, Robert Richards. Immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance the Moderator asked the Town Clerk, Evelyn Connor for the reading of the Town residents that have past in the last year and then to remain standing for a moment of silence.

The rules for today's meeting will be per Garfield Jones Parlimentary Procedures at a Glance as interpreted by the chair, plus 10 additional rules, etc.

Introduction of the front table: Town Attorney Laura Spector, Selectman Joseph Fiala, Donna Osborne, and Heleen Kurk, Vice Chair Leon Methot and Chair Laura Buono. Sitting on the other side of the table: Town Clerk, Evelyn Connor, recording secretary, Tina Laramée, and on cable, Brad McCauley. A special thanks to Brad and other members of the cable committee for setting up the equipment and televising the meeting. The meeting is not on Channel 6 but on Channel 17.

The chair recognized the Finance Committee as being present with Theresa Lamson as the Chair and Jonathan Dowst as Vice Chair. The Moderator asked that one of them come forward and speak about the committee obligations, Mr. Dowst volunteered. He explained that the Finance Committee's main goal is to try to minimize the financial impact to the citizens of Weare when reviewing each article as presented. The committee had a meeting prior to the deliberative session with the Board of Selectmen to hear about new information of an accounting error that impacted the final revenue dollars column in the proposed budget. Due to this new information, the Finance Committee present at the deliberative session will finalize their decisions on the warrant articles and address each article when discussed based on the financial needs and minimization of tax impact to the Town.

The Moderator asked if anyone were interested in serving on the Finance Committee or any other committee to please sign up at the front of the room or at the town office.

The Moderator introduced Peter Buono, Director of the Community Emergency Response Committee (referred to as C.E.R.T.). Peter stated that they are looking for volunteers and if anyone was interested or wanted information about the committee he was stationed at the back of the room.

The Moderator then asked Laura Buono, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to give the State of the Town Address.

Laura opened with how many present were from out of state? She then said, "if we knew you were coming we would have built you a hotel". 2005 was a year of transition for the Board of Selectmen. In March, they welcomed two new selectmen: Joe Fiala and Donna Osborne. In May/June, the Board was faced with an open Finance position and the resignation of the Town Administrator. She talked about Chief Gregory Begin being an asset to the town. That the selectmen held coffee hours to meet with voters informally. How the selectmen had increased their visibility at events such as the Patriotic Celebration and Old Home Days. She commended the board for recognizing the need for change. Laura then recognized the different boards, committees and employees for their support during this past year. She talked about the bottom line increase due to shifted expenses and the increase of prices in oil, electricity, postage, and road salt. She spoke about the residents having a vital roll in the community.

The Moderator recognized Selectman Heleen Kurk who presented Laura with a plaque thanking her for her years of service and dedication to the Town of Weare. The plaque read: Laura Buono Selectman 2003-2006. Chairman 2004-2006. With gratitude and appreciation for your knowledge, commitment and service to the Town of Weare. Laura received a standing ovation.

The Moderator stated that Articles one through twenty-three are not amendable and therefore will not be taken up at this meeting. He then asked if there were no objection, we would waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and read each one as it is taken up for discussion. There being no objection, the reading of the Warrant was waived.

At this time, in accordance with the sense of the 1994 meeting (Article 38) the chair offers the privilege of addressing the meeting, when called upon to do so Town Council Laura Spector and Building Inspector Charles Meany, who are not registered voters in Weare, unless there is a motion to deny them the privilege. Hearing none, the privilege was granted

The Moderator began by reading ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) for the purchase of the Ferrante Property, to protect the Town's rural character and natural resources by conserving land; further to authorize the issuance of not more than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in bonds and notes under and in compliance with RSA 33:1 te. Seq. as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, private donations, or other aid , if any, which may be available for said

project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a sum not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the Conservation Fund for the purpose of completing this purchase; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift from the Mildred Hall Trust in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars(\$800,000.00); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey certain conservation easements to a qualified land trust such as the Piscataquog Watershed Association or Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 Vote required)
(RECOMMENDED by Board of Selectmen)

The Moderator has taken a public position to this article and would step down if requested. No objections heard, the Moderator will continue.

Steve Najjar was recognized to speak to this Article. The 600 acres of land is located in the northern part of Weare on the Henniker line. It connects to ~12,000 acres of protected wildlife land. Migratory birds and much wildlife inhabit this area. The Appraisal for the land resulted in a value of \$2,025,000, so the town price of \$1,800,000 is a fair price. If the land is sold to a developer a potential 100 houses could be placed on this land which could be a potential tax impact of \$1,300,000 or more. Not to mention the burden placed on the school systems, the Town government, highway, police, and fire departments. There are numerous other supporters of this article besides the Weare Conservation Commission: the Mildred Hall trust, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, Goffstown Fish and Game, NH Fish and Game, Piscataquog Watershed Association, the Russell Foundation, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. If you would like further information contact the Conservation Commission.

Terry Knowles was recognized to speak to this Article. She on behalf of the Mildred Hall Trust. Mildred Hall left her estate in trust to be utilized by the Town for improvement of the town. The \$800,000 should be spent to support this open space as a memorial to Mildred Hall. We also need to remember that the largest State of NH public works project, the expansion of route 93, leaves Weare in the path of targeted growth, therefore development is forthcoming. This open space would provide protection of some open/rural space. As a reminder, the tax impact for passing this article is a minimal \$0.18 for the first year that will continue to go down, reaching \$0.09 after 20 years.

Terry Shannon was recognized to speak to this Article. She mentioned that the bottom line is this is a protection plan for Weare's School Systems and to help

minimize the cost of town services. She believes this is a perfect piece of land to be protected.

Mr. Flanders was recognized to speak to this Article. His family was the original owners of the Ferrante property. This property will be money in the town's pocket.

Forest Esenwine was recognized to speak to this Article. Rarely do we get such an opportunity to protect property with such minimal impact to the taxpayers. If developed will cost tax payers more money. Additional private funds may come in to lower further the tax impact to the taxpayers, making it at most a \$0.18 tax impact of this article. Members of the Goffstown Fish and Game have stated their support and will donate money to this article to protect the hunting/wildlife land.

Leon Methot stated that the board is committed to put this into a conservation easement so it can never be developed, possibly a sports field but nothing else. He also mentioned that the town would be able to forest the land to generate timber cut revenues.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the mentioned easement. He asked if the land would ever be able to be built upon should the town ever want to develop it in the future. Mr. Methot said once land is put in a Conservation Easement it can never be removed or developed later.

Dell Rice of Pine Hill Road was recognized to speak to this Article. He supports this article. He would like to keep some of Weare with land that is not developed.

Joe Fiala spoke that the town will be in need of a Forestry Agent, to walk the land in the future, should the article pass.

Forest Esenwine thanked the Ferrantes for their offer of the property to the town.

The Finance Committee utilized a spreadsheet to determine the tax impact either way and voted in favor of this article 6 to 4. Article 24 was moved to the ballot as printed.

The Moderator then stated that a motion was made to suspend the rules of the deliberative session to proceed to article 48 next. A two-thirds vote is needed to carry the motion forward. A count of 123 – yeah's versus 23 no's was obtained to proceed to Article 48.

The Moderator read Article 48. Shall the Town of Weare create a trust fund for legal expenses pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, accept donations into this trust fund,

and appropriate the funds in this trust as a nontransferable appropriation for legal expenses related to the purpose of taking for "Public Use" by eminent domain, as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States in the "Kelo et al. v City of New London et al." decision on June 23, 2005, a certain parcel of land consisting of 8.08 acres located on Cilley Hill Rd., Map 406 parcel #21, also known as the Souter Property, for the development of an Inn, and shall the Town create a second trust fund for acquisition expenses, accept donations into this trust fund, and appropriate the funds in the second trust as a nontransferable appropriation for just compensation to the owner of the property, and other related expense?

Shall the Town of Weare take for "Public Use" by eminent domain, as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States in the "Kelo et al. v. City of New London et al." decision on June 23, 2005, a certain parcel of land consisting of 8.08 acres located on Cilley Hill Rd., Map 406 parcel #21, also known as the Souter Property, for the development of an Inn, or take any action related there to?

(by **PETITION**)

The Moderator has taken a public position to this article and would step down if requested. No objections heard, the Moderator will continue.

Joshua Solomon was recognized to speak to this Article. He stated that we all must try to protect our constitutional rights. It is the unjust decision by the legal/judicial systems that dwindle away at our rights as citizens. When individual states signed on to the Constitution that meant that states have the right to enforce or act alone to govern their states as they see fit for the governing of the rights of the people. He feels the Supreme Court has defied the 5th Amendment with the passing of the Kelo decision, allowing the state of Connecticut to chip away at the freedom of the people. So as not to forget our rights, the Free Staters are sending a message to the government. that even though the action they are trying to take goes against conventional wisdom, the message being sent is not an act of defiance but as a message that we will not forget our 5th Amendment Right to own land and protect our land. He asked Representative Neal Kurk what NH laws are being amended to protect Mr. Souter's home, currently there are no laws to protect this. They have seen from various other states other acts of citizens losing properties to government for similar purposes as in Connecticut. Free Staters are hoping to send a national message that we won't uphold eminent domain law to take citizen's land. All eyes are watching what will happen in Weare to protect 6000 people in Florida losing land for a shopping mall, and a neighborhood in New London, Connecticut. They are hoping this will encourage the rest of the country not to accept eminent domain over the rights of a citizen to own property.

Joe Fiala was recognized to speak to this Article. He stated that there are three things he would like to offer as a rebuttal to Mr. Solomon. The first is the money to be collected from taxes for this article would simply be used to sue our own

town. Second, no town trust fund can accept private trust funds to pursue an endeavor such as this. Thirdly, it is just wrong to take any ones property for spite and this board is not in favor of taking anyone's land in the Town of Weare.

Keith LaCasse was recognized to speak to this Article. He thanked the Selectmen for remaining professional about the matter. He offered a rebuttal to Mr. Fiala and said the money will not be used to protect the town against a Law Suit, it is only to protect the town if Mr. Souter sues the town.

Walter Bohlin was recognized to speak to this Article. He motioned to amend this article to add the word "not" in three places to negate what is stated in this article (not create a trust fund, town not create a second trust fund, not take Souter's property). He feels this is not the way to address the Supreme Court, there are other ways to go about it that is not revengeful nor a game. As a little town we should be proud that we have a Supreme justice from this town. We should leave it up to our legislature to address this matter. The motion was seconded, the article has been amended.

The Moderator asked for further discussion on the Bohlin amendment.

Gary Hopper, chairman for the Committee for the Protection of Natural Rights, was recognized to speak to the motion. Petitioned Articles are a citizen's right, to appeal to the people and is their right to express their opinion. We should leave it up to the town's people to vote on this article as was. He feels that we can't leave it up to our legislature, they have dropped the ball and will let it die due to lobbyist. Let's leave it up to the voters to decide.

The Moderator recognized Laura Buono, she stated that we are not responsible for what happens in other states only for what we want to happen here in Weare. It is our legal right as residents to amend this article during the town Deliberative Session.

Terry Knowles was recognized to speak to the motion. The only money we can put into trust funds is tax-payer money to cover RSA 319A trust. The Town of Weare knows what eminent domain means. As a result of the flood of 1938, we lost much of our lands to protect us and abutting towns, with the building of the Hopkinton dam. An inn is for private use not a public use of eminent domain taking of property. So who will own the inn? If a private sector owns the inn, then this is not the correct use of eminent domain.

Jim Thomson was recognized to speak to the motion.

Frank Bolton asked for clarification, that the proposed amendment to the article negates the article? The Moderator confirmed this to be so. Mr. Bolton went to school with David Souter and regards the Souter family as being compassionate. Therefore, he is in favor of the amendment for he opposes the article.

Frank Campagna not a legal person but opposes the amendment. He doesn't like the original article but the original article does not affect him, but the decision could affect our children/grandchildren. If the original article passed, it would show the state legislature that "we aren't going to take it anymore". The person whom we are taking their land is irrelevant. This is just to send a message to our government. If everyone is supposed to be doing the right thing, why do we need an ethics committee?

Paul Morin was recognized to speak to the motion. He is in favor of the amendment. There should be no punishment of our justices that uphold our laws. They were doing their jobs and made a decision based on the facts presented.

Matt Esenwine was recognized to speak to the motion. He is not supportive of the amendment because adding the 3 "nots" will confuse the majority of the voters that are not present in the room. The voters know in their head there is an article on the ballot and if not read correctly by the voter, they would be voting the wrong way.

Denise Doherty was recognized to speak to the motion. We can't be concerned about other states, we as NH residents need to be concerned about what happens here in Weare. This is a vindictive approach and should not be utilizing Weare to get their way. We need to vote based on the facts. NH legislation has come up with five separate bills to protect the citizens of NH and other states should follow suit. If you are not happy with the law, call your local representative to get educated on what the facts are, not opinions. She is in total support of amendment to the article. We need to leave it up to the voters.

Paul Doshier was recognized to speak to the motion. He agrees with Matt Esenwine that the article is already confusing enough as is. Changing it may confuse the voters not present. He would like to add further amendments that would clarify this lengthy article.

John Lawton was recognized to speak to the motion. As citizens we need to step forward to send a message to our government that we aren't going to take it anymore. We should not amend the article, we should present the original article to go before the voters and let them decide. Wants clarification on a "NO" vote and what it would mean.

Lisa Wilbur was recognized to speak to the motion. Please let all the voters decide on the original article not on the amended article.

Bill asked for clarification on what a yes/no vote would mean on the amended article. A yes vote means the town should not create town funds and will not

take Souter's property. A no vote would mean that the voters disagree and do not want town to take Souter's property. However, in either case no affirmative direction is possible; the Board of Selectmen can't act on the vote. With this clarification in mind, he is not in favor of the amendment

Joseph Sole in favor of the original article; again changing it will just confuse the voters.

John Dowst feels the whole town should be allowed to vote on the article, not just ~120 voters.

Moderator has a request for secret ballot; the voters present will decide whether to accept the amended article as the one that will be placed on the ballot for Mar. 4th. Please go to the rear table to obtain your ballot and to be registered. The supervisors of the checklist present were: Jan Proctor, Diane Lamb, Margo McLeod, and Pat C. Gareri. The ballot counters are: Peter Buono, Marge Burke, Tom Reynolds, and Don Rogers.

The final count on the secret ballot: yes – 94, no – 59. The amended article has been passed.

Mr. Doshier was recognized to speak to the article. He proposed another amendment to article 48 to read: "Shall the town (1) ask its Selectmen not to use their eminent domain powers to take David Souter's home for an Inn, and (2) to urge the Governor and legislature to adopt a statute and/or amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution to forbid eminent domain takings that would result in transfer of land or property to private interests for economic development purposes?"

David Getting was recognized to speak to the motion. He is in favor of the Doshier amended article.

Matt Esenwine was recognized to speak to the motion. He is in support of this amendment, it clarifies the meaning of the article. He questions however why did we decide to move this article ahead of other articles.

Jim Thompson, Chairman of the Weare Economic Committee, was recognized to speak to the motion. He is in favor of this amendment. Laws discussing eminent domain are confusing, this amendment clarifies what the article is actually trying to do. The original article was simply for revenge, the Doshier amendment sends a clear message to legislature.

Gary Hopper supports this amendment which clearly shows what the town wants to send as a message.

Craig Knowles asked for a point of clarification, would the amendment replace the previous article? The Moderator answered, yes and it also replaces the other amendment to the article.

Joe Fiala stated that how the Secret Ballot, that we just did as a town, hides from all how we voted. He commends David Souter for doing a public vote.

The Moderator asked if there were any further discussion or questions on the Doshier Amendment to Article 48? There was none. Being so, he asked for a vote to accept the amendment: by unanimous vote the amended article shall appear on the ballot.

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Three Dollars (\$4,151,331.00). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Four Million Six Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars (\$4,000,684.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

	Department	Proposed	Default
A	TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES	\$ 21,573.00	\$ 21,573.00
B	TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES	\$ 23,747.00	\$ 23,647.00
C	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	\$ 18,472.00	\$ 18,368.00
D	TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 57,398.00	\$ 56,948.00
E	FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
F	ASSESSING OFFICE	\$ 285,425.00	\$ 284,197.00
G	LEGAL FEES	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
H	FINANCE ADMINSTRATOR	\$ 42,508.00	\$ 41,913.00
I	TOWN CLERKS OFFICE	\$ 118,558.00	\$ 116,942.00
J	SELECTMAN'S OFFICE	\$ 139,118.00	\$ 138,251.00
K	CABLE COMMITTEE	\$ 4,465.00	\$ 4,345.00
L	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
M	LAND USE	\$ 68,877.00	\$ 67,393.00
N	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$ 54,606.00	\$ 53,980.00
O	CEMETERIES	\$ 33,987.00	\$ 27,805.00
P	INSURANCE	\$ 10,452.00	\$ 10,452.00
Q	ADVERTISEMENTS AND DUES	\$ 7,225.00	\$ 7,225.00
R	POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 983,185.00	\$ 915,797.00

S	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
T	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 232,646.00	\$ 216,300.00
U	BUILDING DEPT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 95,745.00	\$ 91,657.00
V	FOREST FIRES	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
W	TOWN MAINT / HIGHWAY DEPT	\$1,026,986.00	\$ 994,236.00
X	STREET LIGHTING	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Y	TRANSFER STATION	\$ 378,669.00	\$ 370,065.00
Z	SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$ 14,375.00	\$ 14,232.00
AA	WATER DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,699.00	\$ 1,699.00
BB	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 17,873.00	\$ 17,873.00
CC	HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 4,618.00	\$ 4,613.00
DD	HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 48,966.00	\$ 48,966.00
EE	PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 43,206.00	\$ 42,865.00
FF	LIBRARY	\$ 167,735.00	\$ 164,725.00
GG	PATRIOTIC PURPOSE	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
HH	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 785.00
II	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
JJ	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 181,489.00	\$ 181,489.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 4,151,333.000	(\$4,000,686.00)
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	\$ 2,982,321.00	
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAX	\$ 1,169,012.00	
DIVIDED BY VALUATION	\$ 416,350.00	
ANTICIPATED TAX RATE	\$ 2.81	

(RECOMMENDED by Board of Selectmen)

Leon Methot – motioned to amend the total expenditure to read \$4,047,018 in order to correct it due to an overestimate of the anticipated revenue. We need to adjust expenditures by ~\$100,000. The specific location is the library budget line.

Laura Buono – as a board their job is to try to balance out the budget, trim from other departments add to other departments and to help with fixed costs: fuel, electricity, etc.

Forest Esenwine was recognized to speak to the article. He is concerned that we have had an error that has happened over the last few years. Don't we have auditors to catch this and if so why do we still employ them?

Laura Buono's responded with even though our actual revenues are typically higher than our estimated revenues, we do not want to overestimate our revenue. The auditors don't audit our estimated numbers which is why it hasn't been picked up.

Moderator clarification of the issue – the Selectmen have to determine estimated revenue, for the current year based on past years. In previous years it was over estimated due to adding in 100% of current use tax not 25%, per correct accounting practices. This brings the estimated revenue value for 2006 to be ~\$400,000.

Forest Esenwine was recognized to speak to the motion. Who is responsible for proper revenue allocation of the monies to the conservation commission? He wants clarification as to why the mistake has been carried forward. The board has found the problem, is there something in place to ensure this mistake won't happen again.

John Dowst to address this matter: glad the board found the accounting error, the change is correct accounting. Finance committee believes there is room for improvement with the auditing group.

Joe Fiala reported that the auditor's report is available to the public and that the board recognizes there are areas for improvement.

Tina Pelletier was recognized to speak to the motion. We are losing sight of the point of an estimated vs. actual. The auditors only review the final books.

Paul Marsh was recognized to speak to the motion. Speaking as the treasurer of the library funds, what we are asking the town to fund is less than what we will be expending.

Terry Knowles was recognized to speak to the motion. RSA 32, budget in gross, states that no matter where the money comes from, even if from a private source, we need to inform the tax payers/town. We are letting the town authorize the library to spend what comes from private as well as public monies.

Paul Marsh is asking that line FF remain as originally stated in the article. He is asking for a minor change to be \$167,231 after all due to a minor gross revenue adjustment, therefore the default value needs to change to \$164,221.

New motion to amend total expenditure to \$4,050,829 estimated revenue to be \$2,583,883, due to change in Library's line FF. Therefore the new default number is \$4,000,182.

Walter Bohlin was recognized to speak to the motion. It is inappropriate to ask to approve a reduced budget without checking with other departments and without the advice from the Finance Committee. I oppose the reduction in the budget to delay the vote until all can ensure the numbers are right.

John Dowst was recognized to speak to the motion. The Finance Committee did meet with the Selectmen this morning, prior to deliberative session, to discuss options with the budget. The Finance Committee agreed with this amendment to determine where the Selectmen can find an extra \$100,000 from other department budgets.

Dick Butt was recognized to speak to the motion. He questioned whether the \$140,000 for the Avitar contract needs to be offset by taxation? Shouldn't this be a separate warrant article? The Selectmen said the money will come from the surplus fund to cover the contract.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the motion \$140,000 will be taken from the surplus fund to offset the Avitar contract. There are three other articles taking money from the general fund that add to ~\$90,000. So when we set the tax rate in 2004, we ended up with 6% that would be retained for surplus. When determine what final amount we want to put in the surplus fund then stick with that number and return the rest to the taxpayers. Per his calculations the current proposed budget is a 7.6% increase over last years 3% increase, when does the rise stop? In previous years, the Finance Committee and the voters did not pass budgets with such large budget percent increase. So how does the Selectmen justify taking more money out of the general surplus account.

Carl Knapp was recognized to speak to the motion. He is concerned that the budget will be cut too much that we won't be able to adjust the numbers to meet the budget.

The Moderator called for a vote to accept the amended budget. The l's have it.

Dick Butt was recognized to speak to the motion. He would like the article amended to bring to voter awareness where the sum of \$140,000 for the Avitar contract is coming from and what money will need to be raised by tax dollars.

John Dowst to address Mr. Butt's amendment. The article should be worded to correctly state the amount that needs to be raised from taxation. Mr. Butt accepts the amended wording from the Finance Committee.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the motion. The default budget is now higher that the proposed budget by use of the surplus funds. This is not an accurate reflection.

Jeff Shain was recognized to speak to the motion. He stated that taking money out of a surplus budget is a legal matter that needs to be considered when setting the tax rate.

Joe Fiala addressed the voters present at the session to reject this amendment, to stick with the Methot amendment and go forward. The Moderator asked for a show of support. The no's have it, the Butt amendment is not moved. The article will move to ballot as proposed by Mr. Methot.

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for road reconstruction and resurfacing of roads. Of the \$350,000.00, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$221,245.00) would be received from Highway Block Grant Funds from the State of New Hampshire (Pursuant to RSA 235) with One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$128,755.00) to be raised by taxation. (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.297

Carl Knapp was recognized to speak to the Article. This article is to pay for resurfacing/construction costs of the current roads in town. Due to traffic increase and the weather, the roads have taken a beating. He urges support of this article.

Jan Racico, 20 Woodbury Road, was recognized to speak to the Article. She appreciates her paved road. She supports this so others can have a paved road.

Finance Committee voted 10 to 0 in favor of this article.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-transferable sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) to cover the costs of the Town's participation in one (fall) local Household Hazardous Waste Collections in the year 2006, if approved this would become part of the Transfer Station operating budget. (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.033

Carl Knapp was recognized to speak to the Article. The State of NH is not giving us any funds to supplement this drive. Therefore there will be only one in the fall.

Finance Committee voted 10 to 0 in favor of this article.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) for the purpose of hiring 2 (two) additional full-time Police Officers. (The cost stated includes 9 Months of salary, benefits, uniforms, equipment and training, if approved this would become part of the Police Departments future operating budget.) **(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.204

Chief of Police, Gregory Begin was recognized to speak to this Article. There is a dire need for two additional officers so we can have 24/7 coverage for the town. The state police have been great at assisting the town for coverage during the night hours, but that means waiting for an officer attempting to get to Weare quickly. The Chief has had coverage on Friday and Saturday nights utilizing current officers by extending their hours an additional three hours. The national standard states there should be 1.5 officers per thousand citizens, if we roughly use two per thousand, this means 17 officers are needed in the town. We are currently staffed with 9 or 10 if include the chief. This population count does not include the increase during summer time due to campgrounds. We also need to consider the size of this town, the police need to cover a rather large geographical area.

Bill Beaupre was recognized to speak to this Article. He is not in support of this article and feels that it is premature. We need to give Chief Begin more time to evaluate for himself the situation in Weare.

Bill Buono was recognized to speak to this Article. He is in support of article.

Tom Reynolds was recognized to speak to the Article. He supports the article. Previous police chiefs have tried to get an increase in the police department as well. Therefore Chief Begin does not need to wait to re-evaluate the situation.

Frank Bolton was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to point out an accounting error. The realistic number for an annual accounting of the budget will be increased by \$120,000. The value presented in the article is only for a 9-month time frame.

Matt Esenwine was recognized to speak to the Article. He supports the article due to the case that Chief Begin made. Weare is bigger, has less coverage by state police, we double the population during the summer, we need more coverage.

Finance committee, original vote was to not support. A revote, after meeting with the chief and discussing the safety needs this morning, was in favor of this article 7:1.

Jan Racico was recognized to speak to the Article. She is in support of this article. Her husband died of a heart attack due to lack of police coverage in town. If we had 24/7 coverage the police would have been able to respond to her family's 911 call to escort the ambulance, that was lost, directly to her house. Weare is not a small town and must think of ourselves as a larger community that needs proper coverage.

Forest Esenwine was recognized to speak to the Article. He disagrees with Bill Beaupre. He feels there is a lot of crime in the town and the criminals know we have no coverage after midnight. We have a right to have the proper coverage. The addition of two officers is not enough but it is a start. The town is growing and we can't afford to jeopardize the town this way.

Sherry Butt-Dunham was recognized to speak to the Article. She believes it is time to support this article. Weare does have crime, accidents, medical emergencies after midnight! We need further coverage.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to this Article. He has an issue with "free rides" home by officers of the Police department. The resource officer and the Deputy Police Chief, who supposedly can use town vehicles to answer calls after midnight, are not in actuality doing so. Why hasn't this happened to relieve the Chief from responding to so many of these calls. Frank also wanted to point out that the total cost of two additional officers is actually more than \$120,000, they will increase the Police Department budget for supplies, gas, etc.

John Lawton was recognized to speak to this Article. He has lived here for 28 years and can't believe how much the town has grown (from population of ~3500 to ~9000 now) as well as the town government in order to meet the demands of the increased growth. He wants to know how we stop the growth of the town and the budget and the need for budget increases.

Jan Racico was recognized to speak again. She pointed out that we are not a small town anymore. She pointed out that it will cost us only ~\$40/year to support this article.

The Moderator made the motion to stop debate on the article, it was seconded. The article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Building Department, the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) will be withdrawn from the General Fund Surplus. (This item is part of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.) (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

Charles (Chip) Meany, Building Inspector was recognized to speak to the Article. He was asked by the Selectmen to obtain a price quote for a 4x4 truck, bottom line with no incentives.

Finance committee voted 10:0 to not support the purchase of the vehicle due to the need to support other pressing issues.

Carl Knapp was recognized to speak to the Article. He feels the town should spend the money to buy the vehicle for the Building Department. The mechanics at the Highway Department are spending so much time to keep the current vehicle in running condition (just barely).

Mr. Rice was recognized to speak to the Article. He is in support of a truck. The mud and the rough roads justify the fact that the inspector needs a better vehicle to do his job. He also pointed out that the Building Department also provides a good source of revenue to the town. Therefore we should provide the building inspector with the tools he needs.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the Article. He pointed out that last year's article was for a lease of \$19,000. He would like to amend the article to be for \$20,000. He also would like to know the longevity of the vehicle.

Chip responded with that 5-8 years would be the longevity, leaving the vehicle with some trade-in value. He also stated that \$20,000 would be sufficient to purchase a vehicle.

David Roy was recognized to speak to the Article. He is in favor of truck. He stated that he could see, as well as hear, the current vehicle coming for miles.

Paul Marsh was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to know how much it will cost the town to get rid of the current vehicle. Then he would like to know how much it would cost to equip the new truck as needed.

Chip responded that he has received numerous offers for the current vehicle. As for the cost to equip the new truck, it would be included in the purchase price.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amended article. The amendment passed by unanimous vote. The article will be appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to replace the Fire Chief's vehicle, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be withdrawn from the General Fund Surplus. (This item is part of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.) **(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

Robert Richards, Fire Chief, was recognized to speak to the Article. He feels that a used vehicle would be sufficient to replace the current vehicle. He simply wants a front-wheel drive, mid-sized used car.

Finance Committee in favor of the vehicle.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the Article. He is concerned as to what type of vehicle can be bought with \$10,000 and how long would it last?

Chief Richards responded that he has talked to other towns and they were able to find a perfectly good used vehicles for about \$10,000.

Walter Bohlin was recognized to speak to the Article. He feels that it is inappropriate to send the Fire chief out in a toy car.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$353,500.00) to be added and allocated to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds as shown in the chart below.

Cemetery Construction	\$ 12,000.00
Fire & Rescue Vehicle Fund	\$110,000.00
Fire Equipment Fund	\$ 12,500.00
Highway Truck & Equipment	\$125,000.00
Transfer Station Equipment	\$ 45,000.00
Library Computer Replacement Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Recreational Dev. & Improvement Fund	\$ 21,000.00
Computer System Fund	\$ 25,000.00

(All the items listed are part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program, CIP)

(RECOMMENDED by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.849

John Dowst, head of the CIP, was recognized to speak to the Article. The committee asked for a 5-10 year plan by taking the existing equipment the town has and what is needed to maintain or to be replaced at this time frame. The goal is to have a normal schedule of ~\$400,000-500,000 sitting in an account to average out the expenses over time rather than having highs and lows.

Finance Committee voted 10:0 in favor of this article.

Joe Fiala was recognized to speak to the Article. He has attended capital improvement seminars that state this is a better way to address CIP for the town.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) to be added and allocated to the previously established Capitol Reserve Maintenance Trust Funds as shown in the chart below, of the \$70,000.00 the sum of \$50,000.00 will be withdrawn from General Fund Surplus with the balance of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxation.

Government Building and Maintenance Fund	\$50,000.00
Employee Retirement Fund	\$20,000.00

(RECOMMENDED by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.048

Leon Methot was recognized to speak to the Article. The request for money this year is to upgrade the Town Offices which needs more than just windows. The building also needs insulation and updates to comply with Life Safety codes.

Finance Committee voted 8:0 not in favor of this article; the money can be better spent elsewhere for now.

George Malette was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to point out that the town will get a one time savings for energy improvements from this article. Therefore he is in favor of this article.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the Article. He wanted to know if it is merely coincidental that the town is also receiving a \$90,000 FEMA grant?

Laura Buono responded that yes it is just coincidental.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-lapsing (2 years) non-transferable sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to commission a Cost of Community Services as requested by the Planning Board (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.036

George Malette was recognized to speak to the Article. This study is needed to determine impact fees of new developments.

Finance Committee has no recommendation since there is no dollar value.

Paula Brensigner was recognized to speak to the Article. She would like to amend the article to correct the wording to state "Cost of Community Services Study" (add the word study). The Moderator stated this is not needed; the article will be adjusted to add the word "study".

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the Article. He discussed that we have a master plan in place that is supposed to help with impact fees.

Leon responded that there are three parts needed to implement impact fees:

1. A master plan
2. A cost of community services study
- 3 – I can't remember the third item.

Moderator asked if there were any further discussion. There was none and the article will be presented on the ballot with the addition of the word study.

ARTICLE 34: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to purchase Supplementary Death and Disability Insurance for the Fire Department (Note: This item is not included in the operating budget. If approved will become part of the Fire Department's future operating budget.) (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.014

Robert Richards, Fire Chief, was recognized to speak to the Article. In order to keep costs the same, the premiums didn't go up. However, the benefits were reduced. If these firefighters are willing to put their lives on the line then this additional benefit is worth it for the fire fighters and their families.

Finance Committee has no recommendation the vote was a tie 4:4.

Joe Fiala was recognized to speak to the Article. He feels this is cheap money for good additional coverage, the Selectmen are in favor of it!

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town raise and appropriate Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to be drawn from the revenues produced by the Cable franchise fees and place this amount into the previously established Community Access TV Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.038

Paul Hague, Vice Chairman of the Cable Committee, was recognized to speak to the Article. This money comes from franchise fees from the cable committee. Upgrades are needed in order to serve the town better. With the upgrade, others in the town can utilize the equipment.

Finance Committee voted 3:4:1 not in favor of the article.

Laura Buono was recognized to speak to the Article. She presented an amendment to the article to clarify the wording only. She is still trying to accomplish the same means.

"Shall the Town raise and appropriate Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) from the town's general fund surplus, which amount represents the revenues produced by the cable franchise fees, and place this amount into the previously established Community Access TV Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?"

Evelyn Connor was recognized to speak to the article. It is important for the voters to see what happens at these meetings and this is the only means, along with the media and other citizens.

Paul Marsh was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to know whether the article amount is from the franchise fees or from taxes.

Laura Buono responded that it is from franchise fees.

Pat Meyers was recognized to speak to the Article. How come, if the money is coming from the general funds, there has been a net \$0 impact.

Laura Buono responded that it is due to the non taxable franchise fee.

Frank Campagna was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to amend the amount of the Article to \$54,000.

The Moderator asked for further discussion. There being none he called for a vote; the vote was in negative, the amendment failed.

Matt Esenwine, member of the Cable Committee, was recognized to speak to the Article. The money will be used to automate the system and improve the system for betterment of the system and the viewing audience.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no further motions to amend.

ARTICLE 36: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for cemetery improvements. This sum to be withdrawn from Cemetery Trust Funds as provided by RSA 31:22a (cy pres), and to designate the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend. **(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

Donald Burke was recognized to speak to the Article. He stated that this is a bargain to the town and highly recommends it.

Finance Committee recommends this article, unanimous vote.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 37: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-lapsing (2 Years) non-transferable sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to replace and rehabilitate windows at the Weare Public Library, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be withdrawn from the Library account, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be raised by Taxation and to designate the Library Trustees as agents to expend.

(RECOMMENDED by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.0024

Chris Hague – the windows in the old and new section are in disrepair. This money will fix some of the windows. It is a start to fix the problem.

Finance committee in favor 10:0

ARTICLE 38: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-transferable sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing fireworks for the 2006 Weare Patriotic Celebration. (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.0144

Evelyn Connor was recognized to speak to the Article. This event is put on annually as our only town wide celebration.

Finance Committee is not in favor would like to see the money spent for obtaining the two additional police officers instead.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 39: Shall the Town establish a General Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund to be known as the Stewardship Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining Conservation Easement Open Space, raise and appropriate the sum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and to designate the Conservation Commission as agents to expend. (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.0024

Andy Fullton, Vice Chairman Conservation Commission, was recognized to speak to the Article. He stated that he is not sure what this article is all about.

Leon Methot responded that it is in reference to Article 2, Zoning Board to place fees, this committee would then have the responsibility to appropriate the money as they see fit.

Finance Committee is not in favor by unanimous vote.

Heleen Kurk was recognized to speak to the article. She would like to amend the amount to state \$1. The motion was seconded.

Finance Committee is now in favor of the article by a unanimous vote.

Moderator stated this article would be presented as amended on the ballot since there are no further motions to amend it.

ARTICLE 40: Shall the Town adopt a Code of Ethics, which applies to all Town Officers, Elected Officials, Appointed Committee Officials/Members and all Town Employees?

(A full detail of the proposed Code is available in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town web site at www.weare.nh.gov)

Heleen Kurk was recognized to speak to the Article. In order to have a Code of Ethics for the town, it needs to be voted on by the town. The town does not have a problem right now; it is just that the town should have a policy in place. There is no money needed now. Next year there will need to be an elected committee which at that point there will need to be money in the budget.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 41: Shall the Town establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with RSA 673 and RSA 674?

George Malette was recognized to speak to the Article. This commission will act upon and have the ability to advise and purchase lands etc. for the betterment of the town.

Forest Esenwine was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to know how far is this going to go in this town? Has there been a problem with government telling people what to do with their property?

George responded that this is not what is being proposed, this is only a Heritage Commission that will advise the town.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 42: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to RSA 673;4-a and RSA 673;5 and to appoint up to five alternate members.

George Malette was recognized to speak to the Article. This article is just to establish a number of members that will be on the committee.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 43: Shall the Town approve a 30/60 day demolition or removal delay, in order to provide time to see if it is possible to save historic structures from demolition or removal.

George Malette was recognized to speak to the Article. This is just that a sign be posted so the town would be made aware (concerned citizens, the heritage commission, if passed) of a pending demolition. This allows a 30 day delay to give time. If the Building Dept. receives objection, then hold demo for another 30 days to discuss.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 44: Shall the Town create a Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Committee, to develop a long term plan for the Town of Weare and to check into sources of funding.

George Malette was recognized to speak to the Article. He stated that this would be a safer way to get around.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

ARTICLE 45: Shall the Town place into Conservation two (2) Town owned parcels in the Dustin Brook headwaters to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission as natural open space. Said parcels have no road frontage and are designated as Map 401- lots 92 and 118 containing 12.84 and 13.75 acres respectively.

Andrew Fulton was recognized to speak to the Article. This land is in a unique natural area, known as Chipmunk Falls. These are two land-locked parcels which would be a good idea to place in conservation.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as is on the ballot since there are no motions to amend.

Joe Fiala took a moment to thank Neal Kurk for being the moderator for the past 22 years, and that we will miss him next year. Neal has elected to step down as Moderator to be able to be heard on the floor instead. Neal re

ARTICLE 46: "In order to protect the public health, wildlife, soils, surface waters, and groundwater of the Town of Weare, the Town hereby adopts by reference as a Health Ordinance, the regulations of the state of New Hampshire, Env-Ws 800 and Env-Ws 1600 regarding the use and disposal of sewage sludge, biosolids and septage."

The proposed ordinance shall give, the Town, through the office of the Health Officer, the ability to:

- review all sewage sludge/biosolids and septage land application projects in the Town of Weare;
- issue immediate cease and desist orders to halt any sewage sludge/biosolids or septage project that is creating a public nuisance, health concern, or is in violation of strict state laws; and
- comply with RSA 485 and fulfill the Town's responsibility to provide a secure outlet for locally-produced septage.

(by **Petition**)

Chris Bolton was recognized to speak to the article. He and Mr. Ludders have worked out a proposal for Article 47 and would like to eliminate his originally proposed Article 46 but he need to be assured that Article 47 would be changed to what they agreed to. The Moderator stated that we can not simply remove the article from the ballot.

Heleen Kurk moved to suspend the rules and take up Article 47 first then back to Article 46. The Moderator called for a vote to suspend the rules and the vote was approved by the two-thirds vote needed.

ARTICLE 47: To protect the health and welfare of residents, and to protect the surface and groundwater resources, wildlife and other natural resources of the Piscataquog River watershed in Weare, the stockpiling and land application of treated municipal sewage sludge that can be legally land applied, industrial paper mill sludge (short paper fiber), septage, and EQ solids and EQ filtrates derived from septage, shall not be stored in contact with the ground or in any way that allows runoff to reach the ground, spread, injected or in any way deposited on the ground in the Town of Weare.

In this ordinance treated municipal sewage sludge that can be legally land applied means Class A sewage sludge, Class B sewage sludge, Class A biosolids, Class B biosolids, and compost derived from such sewage sludge or biosolids.

This ordinance applies to Class A sewage sludge and Class A biosolids products sold by the bag.

This ordinance prohibits all forms of land application, including, but not limited to incorporation, injection and topdressing. (by **PETITION**)

Dick Ludders was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to propose an amendment as follows:

Shall the Town amend the health ordinances by adding the following sections:
The stockpiling and land application of treated municipal sewage sludge that can be legally land applied, industrial paper mill sludge (short paper fiber), septage, and EQ filtrates derived from septage are not allowed in the overlay

district two hundred and fifty feet (250') from the normal high water line on each side of the Piscataquog River in the Town of Weare.

In this ordinance treated municipal sludge that can be legally applied means Class A sewage sludge, Class B sewage sludge, Class A biosolids, Class B biosolids, and compost derived from sewage sludge and biosolids.

In this ordinance, land application shall include but not be limited to, incorporation, injection, and top dressing.

The provision of this section shall not apply to biosolids that are sold for home gardening use in consumer packages registered as fertilizers under RSA 431:4 and that weigh 100 pounds or less. (by Petition)

The amendment was moved and seconded by Leon. The amendment was done to reverse the blanket ban on sludge. Instead it allows distance criteria (setbacks) to water ways.

Paul Walsh was recognized to speak to the motion. He would like to know if this is only limited to the Piscataquog River or can we include tributaries, etc.

Dick Ludders responded that if you enact limitations stricter than what the state has in place, then septic disposals can't be brought to Concord which would then cost the town more money to transport waste elsewhere.

Andrew Fulton was recognized to speak to the motion. Speaking on behalf of the Conservation Commission, they wouldn't object to the new language.

Chris Bolton said the state language for dealing with septic waste does indeed encompass other water ways.

Forest Esenwine was recognized to speak to the motion. He asked for clarification/definition of certain words in the article. Mr. Ludders clarified that animal manure is not part of this article.

Moderator stated the article will be presented as amended on the ballot since there were no further motions to amend.

The Moderator then went back to Article 46. Chris Bolton asked the Moderator for the best solution to handle these changes. The Moderator then made a suggestion for an amendment. Mr. Bolton agreed to accept the suggested amendment to Article 46 as worded by the Moderator. The article now reads "Shall the Town address the issue of sludge biosolids, and septage that was the subject of this petitioned Article #46 through the adoption of Article #47, a compromise which the petitioners of each article have agreed to support".

Moderator asked if there would be any further discussion. There being none Article 46 is moved to the ballot as amended.

Article 47 was discussed previously.

ARTICLE 48 was discussed earlier in the day.

ARTICLE 49: Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to pave the access road from Rt 114 and the parking area in between the football and soccer fields at Bolton Memorial Fields. (by **PETITION**) (**NOT RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Evelyn Connor was recognized to speak to the Article. She stated that the field is not ready for paving because it is not completed.

Finance Committee voted 10:0 not in favor of this article.

Leon Methot was recognized to speak to the Article. He would like to propose to amend the dollar amount to \$0. Ms. Connor seconded the motion.

Tom Carr was recognized to speak to the motion. He wanted to point out that this was not an article petitioned by Parks and Recreation. The amendment was voted on and passed. The Moderator asked if there were any further amendments to this article. There were none. The Moderator stated Article 49 is moved to the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 50: To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting?

Thank you was the topic of this last article. Thank you to the Finance Committee, the Cable Committee, the Moderator Neal Kurk, the Board of Selectmen but especially for The voters that took the time and spent the day here to support our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn M. Connor
Tina Laramee